

GREAT LONGSTONE PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON 15TH MAY 2019

Present: Cllr Wendy Long (Chair), Cllr Barrett, Cllr James Cox, Cllr Rick Gooch, UTE, District Cllr Clare Gamble, 2 parishioners, new Cllr Dan Cox and Sarah Stokes (Clerk).

The Chair opened the meeting at 7pm.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr John Shimwell, Cllr Dan McGovern and Cllr Judith Twigg.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 9th May 2019.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Long and seconded by Cllr Barrett.

3. Chairs report.

The Chairs report highlighted the following: work on the football pitch; new coloured lights on the xmas tree and village green trees; new projector and heater for the village hall; work carried out by DCC with the help of Cllr Twigg near Bridge/Longreave Lane; speed awareness session; resignation of Cllr Briggs thank you to Caroline for all her efforts especially on mobility issues; Welcome to new comers Rick Gooch and Dan McGovern already working hard on the football field projects; Vice Chair Peter Thompson stepped down after 12 years on the Parish Council, his analytic mind will be missed. Thank you to Sarah Stokes (Clerk), 'keeping us in line' and a thank you to those paid and unpaid who keep the village looking good, including the Parish councillors.

4. Persons on the electoral roll. Matters to raise.

Resident 1 spoke on the following: Council should be more open in meetings and vote in meetings, decisions being made before a meeting; should be replying to requests by parishioner's in a meeting in a few days and minutes; when people donate should be clear what they have donated for; the PC should represent 600 plus people, a lot of them are not represented; speeding an issue, parking never mentioned in meetings some are parked illegally most of the time, especially those parking for school not looking around them when getting children out of cars; other schools have big banners about parking outside their school; Station Road pot holes have been badly repaired, and can only use one side of road due to parking; parking on Church Lane a problem, cars/lorries trying to get up, along with access in front of the White Lion, this being a public road; football and Cricket club rent being on the agenda, this should be no more than £1 as on the 1922 agreement; asked how much Baslow JFC paying towards the football pitch maintenance; the CC maintain their own ground; cars parking on footways; Council can put pressure on others; minutes should be more full like Little Longstone's, the same Clerk.

PC comments: The Cricket Club maintain the square and are contracted to mow the rec. The JFC are Baslow and Longstone Junior football Club. With regards to parking, when the police have been asked to help they say parked cars are traffic calming; PC raised sending a letter to school about parking; stated that the minutes and agenda are advertised and there has been no challenge in the last 12 months, been no members come to debate issues, there is an openness and transparency, we publicly show minutes and Clerk sticks to laws, with the

agenda going out at the right time; One Cllr highlighted that from a previous job of 30 years the police will not take action unless there is a serious accident or fatality. A community speed awareness session was set up by the PC, a handful turned up mainly when asked by a Cllr (organising). Clerk responded regarding Little Longstone minutes, where there are 3 meetings a year and some big issues to expand on at each meeting such as the Monsal head Toilets.

Resident 2 spoke regarding concern that a tractor and trailer had ripped up the road at the top of Sunnybank when the work was carried out on the rec. Dust carts were also raised and the bin emptying.

PC Comments: Clerk raised that Sunnybank has a right of way on the track? And the PC had asked for this to be resurfaced when the PC looked at accessibility issues, DCC right of way had stated that they would look at this in the next financial year. Clerk to chase this matter with DCC. Bins were raised by a Cllr where in some parts of Bakewell they take the bin to the end of a lane.

The Chair welcomed the new District Councillor for Longstone, Clare Gamble, good to see a District Councillor at a meeting.

Cllr Gamble stated she will look into the bin situation on Sunnybank. Also, to note that there is help for local businesses. Clerk reported that she is meeting Cllr Gamble to discuss the toilets at Monsal Head, this being an issue that Great Longstone PC are in support of sorting out.

The meeting was closed at 7.34pm.

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